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Dear Ms. Fraley:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 C.F.R. 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to B. Dayoan at (703) 305-9282. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, D.C. area).

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DECISION ON PETITION 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on the petition filed April 8, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors have refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the instant petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The instant application is being returned to Technology Center 1700 for examination on the merits.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication may be directed to B. Dayoan at (703) 305-9282 or, in her absence, to Senior Petitions Examiner Brian Hearn at (703) 305-1820.

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